National Transportation Safety Board PRELIMINARY REPORT AVIATION

NTSB ID: CEN12FA654 Most Critical Injury: Fatal

Occurrence Date: 09/22/2012 Investigated By: NTSB

 Location/Time
 State
 Zip Code
 Local Time
 Time Zone

 Roanoke
 TX
 76262
 1330
 CDT

Occurrence Type: Accident

Aircraft Information

Registration Number Aircraft Manufacturer Model/Series Number PA-28R-180

Type of Aircraft: Airplane Amateur Built Aircraft? No

Injury Summary: Fatal 2 Serious Minor None

Revenue Sightseeing Flight: No Air Medical Transport Flight: No

Narrative

Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:

*** Note: NTSB investigators either traveled in support of this investigation or conducted a significant amount of investigative work without any travel, and used data obtained from various sources to prepare this aircraft accident report. ***

On September 22, 2012, about 1330 central daylight time, a Piper PA-28R-180 airplane, N4567J, impacted terrain and trees approximately one-quarter mile south of the Northwest Regional Airport (F52), Roanoke, Texas. The commercial rated pilot and certificated flight instructor (CFI) were fatally injured and the airplane sustained substantial damaged. The airplane was registered to and operated by a private individual. Day visual meteorological conditions prevailed and no flight plan was filed for the 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 personal flight.

Initial reports from witnesses indicate that the airplane departed the south runway; however, the takeoff roll was noticeable longer than airplanes typically perform, with an unusual engine sound. The airplane was observed to start a left turn, before it descended towards a grove of trees and disappeared out of sight.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and National Transportation Safety Board responded to the accident site. The airplane impacted several trees off the south end of runway 17. Both the left and right wings separated near their roots and remained suspended in the trees. The fuselage was located about 60 feet beyond the wings, nestled amongst the base of several trees.

After documentation of the crash site, the airplane was retrieved for further examination. Updated on Oct $1\ 2012\ 2:38\text{PM}$

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Crew	N	Name				Certificate No.			Injury			
Pilot	On File				O	On File			Fatal			
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Operator Information												
Name Operator Designator Code Doing Business As Christopher Pratt												
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-Type of Certificate(s) Held: None												
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s):												
Operating Certificate: Operator Certificate:												
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation												
Type of F	light Operations Conduc	ted: Instructional										
Flight F	Plan/Itinerary											
Type of Flight Plan Filed: Unknown												
Last Departure Point						State	State Airport Identifier					
Same as Accident/Incident Location							52F					
Destination						State	l '	Identifier				
Local Flight						TX	52F					
Weathe	er Information											
Investigator's Source: Unknown					Faci	ility ID: KAFV	Observation	on Time	(Local): 13	353		
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition: Clear				Ft. /								
Lowest Ceiling: None				Ft. AGL	Visibility: 10			SM	Altin	neter:	30.06	"Hg
	PRELIMINARY INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO CHANGE											

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AVIATION	Occurrence Type: Accident								
Weather Information (Continued from page 2)									
Temperature: 33 °C	Dew Point:	8°C	Wind Direction:						
Wind Speed: Light and VariKts.	Gusts: F	Kts.	Weather Conditions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions				onditions		
Administration Data									
Notification From			Date						
FAA SW ROC									
FAA District Office/Coordinator				Investigator-In-Charge (IIC)					
FAA FSDO Gary Worthy				Craig Hatch					